

Pondicherry Park Committee Public Record

Meeting was called to order by Chair Adam Perron at 4:30 PM Jan 22, 2015

Present: Adam Perron, Chair, Doug Taft, Selectman, Bernie King, Selectman and Recorder, Brian Cushing, Leigh Hayes, LEA (new member), Alan Erler, LEA, Bob Peabody, Town Manager. Also present as invited Chief of Police Kevin Schofield.

Pledge of allegiance recited

Discussion held with Chief Schofield re law enforcement with in the park, dogs off the dog trail, etc. Chief explained there is a time commitment involved and only has one officer on the day shift that also has to cover Woods Pond, Highland Lake, Salmon Point, Plummer's Landing. Might be able to use part time money from May – Aug ? Some of the officers walk in the park on their days off. He said maybe Wed – Fri around noon might work the best. Also suggestion made of a citizen “ Park Ranger” to be the authoritative presence. He said the Animal Control Officer would be used for dog issues.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Doug made motion to accept, Second by Brian, no discussion, voter-unanimous to accept.

Welcome sign update: Jon Evans was not present, but Alan reported redevelopment of sign (Dunning Bridge)

Brochure update: The funds for printing by LEA have dried up. Gary Collelo, Town Recreation Director has a mock up. Town is going to pay. There is a fund set up to receive donations and funding. There was discussion of using interest from Timber Harvesting Fund and ?\$5000 in the Pondicherry Park fund. But this lapses at end of year. Put donation box at park. Alan will check with LEHT to see how it has worked at other locations.

Self assessment: Adam passed out forms

2015 outlook : Clean up, look for ways to collaborate with library, historical society, LEA, Rufus Porter, Native American Center, Central Maine Power (They have a right of way in park), Loon Echo

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Bernie King